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## Mexican American Veterans Memorial Beautification and Enhancement Committee Meets in Sacramento

Charged with developing a plan to enhance and beautify the Mexican American Veterans Memorial across the street from the Capitol, the committee began its work by setting an aggressive scheduled to complete the planning and refurbishing of the World War II era memorial by May 10, 2010.



L-R Sgt Major Daniel Morales, John Ochoa, Secretary of State and Consumer Services Agency Rosario Marin, Robert Ruiz were sworn in as members of the Mexican American Veterans Memorial Beautification and Enhancement Committee on Thursday, November 6 by California Department of Veterans Affairs Undersecretary Roger Brautigan before they held their first meeting in Sacramento. Daniel Contreras, not pictured, is also a member of the committee.

The committee wanted to have the memorial ready for a rededication in time to coincide with the Mexican Mother's Day date because the memorial was originally commissioned and created by the mothers of Mexican American service men who died during World War II.

The committee will meet again on December 11 in Sacramento to continue work and planning for the

project. The committee was created by legislation (SB 559 Chapter 558 or 2007) that was signed by Governor Schwarzenegger.

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